

REMARKS

Claims 17-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 17 and 20 are amended to even more clearly distinguish over the applied references, claim 19 is amended to correct a typographical error, and withdrawn claims 1-16 are cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications based upon the withdrawn cancelled claims 1-16. Reconsideration is requested.

The Office Action objects to the specification for listing references not provided in an Information Disclosure Statement. Thus, Applicant has included an Information Disclosure Statement with this Amendment citing and including copies of the references listed in the specification. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this objection to the specification be withdrawn.

The Office Action objects to the drawing figures for mis-numbering elements 204 and 206 of Fig. 8. To overcome this objection, Applicant has amended paragraph [0065] of the specification to correctly refer to the element numbers. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

The Office Action objects to paragraph [0029] of the specification for inconsistent use of alkali. Applicant assumes that the Office Action intended to object to paragraph [0025] rather than paragraph [0029]. Thus, Applicant has amended paragraph [0025] to replace alkaline with alkali. A similar amendment is made to claim 19. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this objection to the specification be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,194,119 to Wolk et al.; and rejects claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Wolk et al. in view of WO96/33516. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

In particular, Applicant submits that Wolk et al. fails to disclose or suggest an organic electroluminescent device comprising, *inter alia*, a plurality of light emitting areas above a

substrate, each having a light emitting layer provided between a first electrode layer and a second electrode layer opposing thereto, a non light emitting area provided between the plurality of light emitting areas, and a hole blocking layer, which allows electrons but not holes to pass therethrough over the light emitting areas and non light emitting area to enhanced insulating properties between the plurality of light emitting areas, as recited in amended claims 17 and claim 20.

Wolk et al. teaches an organic electroluminescent device comprising a plurality of light emitting areas above a substrate each having a light emitting layer provided between a first electrode layer and a second electrode layer and a separate electron blocking layer which can be included between the emitted layer and the anode, analogous to the hole blocking layer recited in claims 17 and 20. However, Wolk et al. fails to teach a non light emitting layer provided between the plurality of light emitting areas, or that the hole blocking layer is disposed over the light emitting areas and non light emitting area to enhance insulating properties between the plurality of light emitting areas. Wolk et al. is silent with respect to this feature. Wolk et al. does not indicate that the blocking layer exists between the light emitting areas. Therefore, Wolk et al. is incapable of achieving the benefits of enhanced insulating properties between the light emitting areas as illustrated in Fig. 4. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 17-19 are patentable over Wolk et al.

The Office Action relies upon WO96/33516 in the rejection of claim 20 to teach the incorporation of an electroluminescent device in an electronic apparatus. However, Applicant respectfully submits that WO96/33516 fails to supply the deficiencies of Wolk et al. as discussed above. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as well as the rejection of claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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